

# The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, November 19.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .00.  
Temperature, Max. 80; Min. 70. Weather, cloudy to fair.

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SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.92c. Per Ton, \$78.40.  
88 Analysis Beets, 10s. 2 1/4d. Per Ton, \$83.00.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1908.

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## RUBBER GROWING IN HAWAII CAN BE DONE PROFITABLY

Gratifying Results of the Practical Tests Made at  
Nahiku—Growers Elated at the  
Reports Made.

The producing of rubber from Hawaiian grown rubber trees is a commercial possibility. The series of experiments in tapping carried on at Nahiku by the Board of Agriculture and Forestry and the Federal experiment station, acting together, has demonstrated this. At the second annual meeting of the Hawaiian Rubber Growers' Association, held yesterday, Dr. Wilcox, director in charge of the experiment station, submitted data prepared as a result of the experiments and gave as his opinion, based on the actual field tests, that there is a fair margin of profit to be expected from rubber trees as now grown.

There were several important reports made at the Rubber Growers' meeting and from managers and others came the cheering news that throughout the twelve hundred acres now in rubber the trees were making good progress. The main thing about the convention, however, which cheers and which will send the rubber men back to their plantations with renewed hopes is that rubber growing is going to pay. There's money in it.

That phase of rubber cultivation and production in Hawaii up until now was something that had to be demonstrated. It was known that rubber trees would grow; it had been shown that the trees yielded a good flow of latex and in the way of limited experiments it had been demonstrated that a good quality of gum could be produced. But until now no planter in Hawaii was planting and cultivating on anything more substantial than hope and an abiding confidence in Hawaiian soil and Hawaiian skill and energy. Now there is as much certainty to go on as can be given in any agricultural undertaking.

### What Can Be Done.

The experiments on Maui show that with Japanese labor two men working together on mature trees can tap and gather latex for one pound of rubber an hour. One man working can tap with one vertical cut a tree per day enough trees to produce a pound and a half of rubber in thirty-six hours' work. With two vertical cuts per day one man can tap enough trees to produce six pounds of dry rubber with forty hours' work.

One man can tap at the rate of fifty trees an hour and can collect the latex from one hundred trees an hour, working on mature trees. A mature tree will produce one-third of an ounce of rubber per tapping.

These are the figures reported yesterday by Dr. Wilcox, figures secured by him as a result of careful checking of work actually accomplished. These are the figures that have infused new life into the rubber industry of Hawaii and re-inspired each investor in rubber stock with confidence.

"We can now safely say that there is going to be a reasonable profit in rubber culture in Hawaii," said Dr. Wilcox, at the conclusion of his report, a statement that was received with hearty handclapping.

The optimism which now pervades the rubber circles was evidenced at the banquet held by the members of the association at the Alexander Young Hotel last night, at which every speech brimmed to the full with confidence and assurance for the future of the industry, which until now had been looked at more or less askance by a majority of the investors of the Territory.

### Convention Well Attended.

There was a good attendance of the members from all over the islands at the opening session of the association yesterday morning in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, called to order by President D. C. Lindsay. Those present were D. C. Lindsay, Kahului; Dr. E. C. Waterhouse, Honolulu; Hugh Howell, secretary-treasurer, Wailuku; F. T. P. Waterhouse, Honolulu; W. G. Scott, Paia; C. O. Jacobs, Hana; R. A. Wadsworth, Wailuku; W. A. Anderson, Hana; W. W. Hall, Honolulu; C. J. Austin, Hana; C. D. Lufkin, Wailuku; William Williamson, Honolulu; B. von Damm, Honolulu; T. M. Church, Honolulu; E. C. Brown, Honolulu; F. L. Waldron, Honolulu; C. M. V. Forster, Honolulu; George R. Ewart, Honolulu; R. S. Hosmer, Honolulu; A. W. van Valkenburg, Honolulu; Dr. W. G. Rogers, Honolulu; F. P. Rosecrans, Paia; Dr. A. B. Clark, Honolulu; Q. Q. Bradford, Hana; E. A. Knudsen, Honolulu; W. C. Weedon, Honolulu; David Haughts, Honolulu; B. F. Dillingham, Honolulu; Brainerd Smith, Honolulu; L. A. Thurston, Honolulu; A. N. Hayselden, Lahaina; W. Weinrich, Sisal, Oahu; L. G. Blackman, Honolulu.

### Reports Presented.

President Lindsay presented a report of the year's work of the association, referring to the experiments carried on at Nahiku and concluding with the following pertinent suggestions:

"The labor situation in the Islands is one that must necessarily be given consideration by this association in the future. At present the rubber industry

requires comparatively few laborers, but when the present plantations reach the productive stage, quite a number will be required and it will only be just and equitable that this industry should work in harmony with the others who are expending large sums in securing an adequate labor supply.

"The next few years will be the most important and critical ones in the development of this industry and I would suggest to the members of this association that they see to it that the very best men possible be placed on the Executive Committee of this organization as that committee will necessarily be an important factor in bringing to a successful issue one of the most promising of the diversified industries of Hawaii."

R. S. Hosmer, Territorial Forester, read a technical report on the tapping experiments carried on during the year and F. T. P. Waterhouse's published report on the cultivation of rubber in Ceylon, Malaya and Java was presented. This latter report is an exhaustive treatise based on the results of Mr. Waterhouse's observations and should prove of value to the industry here.

### New Officers Elected.

At the afternoon session the report of the nominating committee was presented and adopted. The officers chosen for the coming year are: Dr. E. C. Waterhouse, president; H. A. Baldwin, vice president; D. C. Lindsay, secretary and treasurer; Hugh Howell and F. L. Waldron, trustees.

After Dr. Waterhouse had been escorted to the chair and assumed the reins of government, he called upon G. R. Ewart to present a paper on the cultivation of rubber in Mexico. Mr. Ewart talked entertainingly and instructively on the subject, being given close attention.

### Dr. Wilcox's Report.

Then followed the important report (Continued on Page Seven.)

## IMPORTANT STEP HAS BEEN MADE

Promotionists Have Taken the  
Initiative to Develop a  
Home Market

The Promotion Committee made one of the most important moves yesterday that it has yet taken to develop the prosperity of this island agriculturally. After a discussion of the subject, brought up at the meeting by President Willard E. Brown, it was decided to recommend that an industrial agent be appointed under salary from the committee, the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association, the agent to devote his time to working up a market in Honolulu for produce locally raised, to advise the farmers of the island as to the requirements of the market and generally to make it his business to see that the million dollars or so that goes every year to the mainland for produce that can be raised here is turned back into the pockets of local producers.

This is along the lines of the repeated recommendation of Frederick H. Newell of the Reclamation Service, who has told what has been the result elsewhere of similar policy. The work of the industrial agent at first will be to work in the local market, then, if the way proves clear, to branch out into the mainland markets and seek avenues of trade for Hawaiian products.

Mr. Brown rather staggered the committee members yesterday when he presented statistics of imports of produce, a large portion of which could be produced locally. The statistics had been prepared by James Wakefield of T. H. Davies & Co. The figures gave (Continued on Page Four.)

## ACTING GOVERNOR GOES TO KAUAI

Is Accompanied by Pratt and  
Campbell—Will Be Gone  
Two Weeks.

Acting Governor Mott-Smith, Land Commissioner Pratt and Superintendent of Public Works Marston Campbell left yesterday afternoon for Kauai by the Kinau. They will land at Eleale. The Acting Governor goes first to Kalaheo to look into a proposed exchange of public lands at Kalaheo with McBryde for a perpetual water right for the Kalaheo homesteads; also an exchange of land for a new road location and school house site at Koloa.

From there the party will go to Kapaa and look over, on the ground, the Kapaa town lots and some homestead lots mauka, with a view to disposing of them.

They will then go to Anahola to look over the ground for the laying out of more town lots. From there the party will go to Hanalei for the same purpose as at Anahola.

The Land Commissioner and the Superintendent of Public Works will return to Honolulu next Wednesday. The Acting Governor will remain longer to give hearings on applications for certificates of Hawaiian birth. Miss Girvin went some days ago to give notice of the Acting Governor's expected arrival and to arrange for the hearings. The Acting Governor will hear no Chinese cases on Kauai because R. C. Brown of the Department of Commerce and Labor will be there in February to issue certificates of American citizenship. The Acting Governor will make an exception to this rule in the case of Chinese who want to go to China before the arrival of Mr. Brown. The Acting Governor expects to be gone about two weeks.

## JAPANESE FLEET MAY BE SEEN IN HONOLULU WATERS

London Dispatch Says This Port Would Be First  
Stopping Place—English and German  
Fleets May Circumnavigate.

LONDON, November 7.—The world-girdling tour of the United States battleship fleet has stirred the envy of European Admiralties, and as a result at least three of the Powers will send monster battleship fleets around the globe in imitation of the American cruise.

Already Great Britain is preparing to send a fleet of battleships commanded by Prince Louis of Battenberg on a friendly visit to the great maritime nations of all the world.

Word comes from Berlin that Kaiser Wilhelm, not to be outdone by President Roosevelt and King Edward, will dispatch a fleet on a round-the-world voyage under the flag of Prince Henry of Prussia.

France, too, will return the visit of the American fleet. Italy, too, may send a smaller squadron.

Lastly Japan is expected to follow suit. It is not believed here for a moment that the Mikado will miss the opportunity of giving the American nation an object lesson in the naval strength of the island empire.

The British fleet will sail direct to Halifax. After an elaborate program for the benefit of Canada the fleet will

proceed to New York, where an enthusiastic welcome is anticipated. A visit to the British West Indies, Rio Janeiro, Buenos Ayres, thence around Cape Horn to Santiago de Chile, and then to San Francisco, will follow. From San Francisco the fleet will visit (Continued on Page Seven.)



Tom Johnson of Cleveland, millionaire socialist, now a bankrupt.

## NEW REGIME IN CHINA PLEDGED TO MODERNISM

Tom Johnson Bankrupt—Shriners Break Leg o  
a Governor-Elect at Initiation—Trouble  
With Moro Tribesmen

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

PEKING, November 20.—The new administration has pledged itself to a policy of progress.

PEKING, November 19.—The regent, Prince Chun, in a letter to President Roosevelt, which is signed as by the Emperor, appeals for aid and sympathy for the success of the new regime.

## REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN FUND

NEW YORK, November 20.—The contributions to the Republican National Committee for the conduct of the Taft campaign amounted to \$1,500,000.

## TROUBLE WITH MOROS

MANILA, November 20.—Hostile Moros have gathered at Malabang. Five companies of field artillery have been sent to disperse them.

## JAPAN'S KOREAN LOAN

LONDON, November 20.—The Japanese loan of \$10,000,000 for the development of Korea has been over-subscribed six times.

## SMUGGLERS FRUSTRATED

MANILA, November 20.—A plot to smuggle opium into China has been discovered and is being investigated.

## GOVERNOR'S LEG BROKEN

LINCOLN, November 20.—Governor-elect Shallenberger had his leg broken last night at a Shriner initiation.

## STOCKYARDS QUARANTINED

BUFFALO, November 20.—The stockyards have been quarantined because of infected cattle there.

## ROCKEFELLER ON THE RACK

NEW YORK, November 20.—The cross-examination of John D. Rockefeller will conclude today.

## THE AEON WENT CHEAPLY

VICTORIA, N. S. W., November 20.—The wreck of the steamer Aeon has been sold for \$375.

## MAYOR JOHNSON BANKRUPT

CLEVELAND, November 20.—Tom Johnson has been declared a bankrupt.

## THE GRAFT CASES

SAN FRANCISCO, November 19.—Today the inquest was begun in the matter of Morris Haas, the saloonkeeper who is alleged to have committed suicide in jail after shooting Prosecutor Heney, handling the graft cases, in court.

Gallagher, who is one of the Supervisors who is accused of having had a hand in the boodling, was the first witness in the Haas inquest today and was placed under cross-examination.

John Krauss, a fugitive witness in the case against Vice President Halsey of the Pacific Telephone Company, accused of bribing Supervisors, has committed suicide aboard the S. S. Adriatic, as that vessel was arriving at Queens-town, Ireland.

Dingee, the Oakland capitalist, connected with the water company of that city, concerning whom it is rumored that financial troubles threaten him with failure, has been cited to be examined as to his qualifications to remain on the bond of ex-Mayor Schmitz, grafter.

## ANOTHER STEAMSHIP SCHEME.

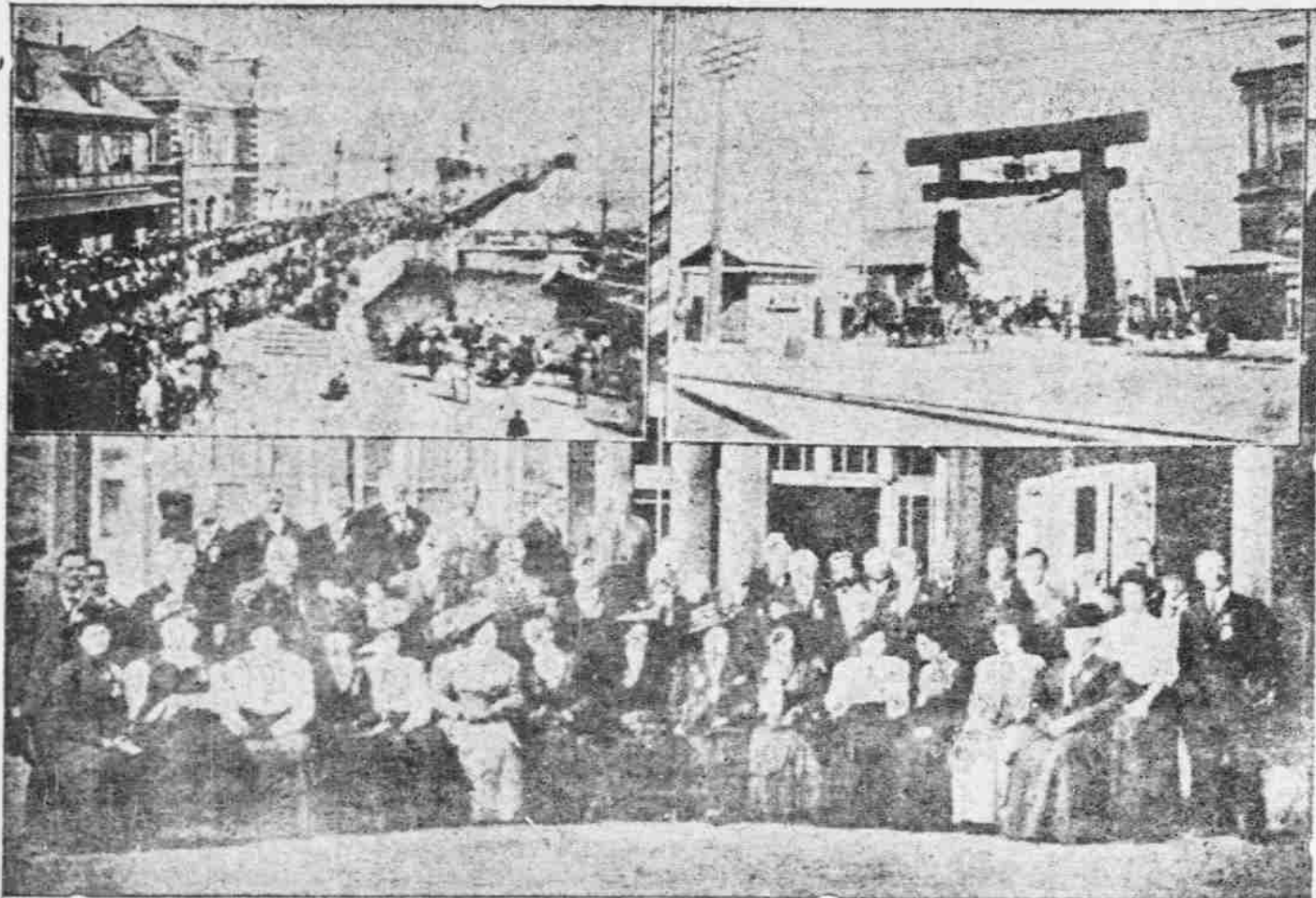
LOS ANGELES, November 19.—A new line of steamships between San Pedro and San Salvador will be started in the spring of next year.

## COMET VISIBLE IN WESTERN HEAVENS

The newly discovered comet in the western heavens is visible in Honolulu, and has been seen by a number of people. W. R. Castle reports that last night it was faintly visible to the naked eye, and clearly visible with a field glass or a telescope. Its location at 8 o'clock last night he gave as about

fifteen degrees below and a little to the left of the constellation of the Eagle. This constellation can be distinguished by three stars in the western heavens about forty-five degrees above the horizon at eight o'clock. These three stars are in a line almost horizontal and the middle one, Altair, is much the brightest of the three.

This comet was discovered two weeks or so ago by some astronomer in the east, and it was observed about the same time by the Lick Observatory at Mount Hamilton. The tail which seems to point to the zenith is millions of miles long. The comet is believed to be approaching nearer to us.



THE COAST BUSINESS MEN IN JAPAN.